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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002

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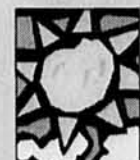
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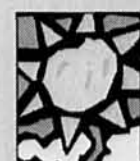
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Low 61.



WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy.
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Low 67.



THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy.
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Low 61.



FRIDAY
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High 82.
Low 60.



SATURDAY
Showers.
High 76.
Low 53.

LOOKAHEAD

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Catch highlights from Homecoming weekend—the parade, the game and the visitors.

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New housing planned

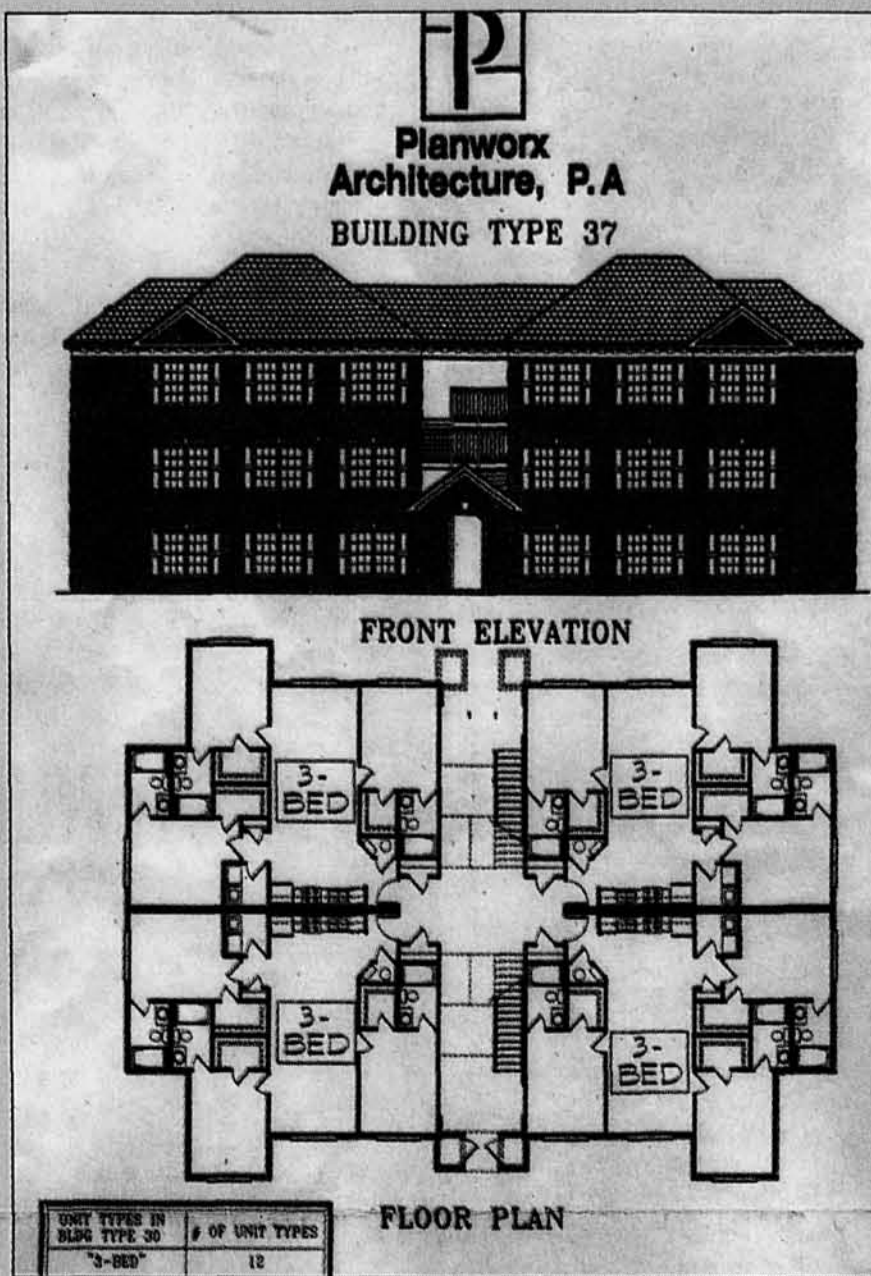
By Rachel Coleman, reporter

Students attending last Wednesday's convocation erupted in cheers after Chancellor Jerry Falwell announced Liberty's much-anticipated plans to construct new housing. As early as this spring, Liberty could be able to supply 1,000 more students with a new home away from home.

While many students were expecting three or six story dorms like Dorms 28 or 33, the new housing will be a bit different. It will be three-story brick apartment buildings, converted into a student housing complex. According to Jerry Falwell, Jr., Liberty has contracted for 206 apartments to be built on the mountain overlooking the university. The new housing will be as close to the academic buildings as is Dorm 33.

The new housing plan grew out of a previous arrangement to allow a local real estate company to build some apartments on Liberty Mountain, suitable for off-campus living.

"The plan was that it would be a place for married, graduate and off-campus students," Falwell Jr., who negotiated the contract, said. However, at the beginning of the semester it occurred to Falwell, Jr., that it might be better to focus on building more housing for on-campus students, in light of the growing student body.



NEW HOUSING BLUEPRINT — The new apartment complex will feature three-story buildings with four three bedroom units on each floor. Each bedroom will have a private bath.

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Super Conference to begin Sun.

By Ricky Hardison, reporter

Thomas Road Baptist Church will host the hundreds of ministry minded Christians coming to learn the basics of "Capturing Your City for Christ" at this year's Super Conference, Oct. 6-9.

These three and half days will be filled with workshops, conferences and well-known preachers who aim at training churches to effectively utilize various kinds of ministries in the avenues and alleys of their community.

The biology student should be just as excited about next week's events as the biblical studies student, according to Lew Weider, coordinator of the conference.

"We hope every Liberty student will be a church member one day, and the skills, knowledge and practical experience that they learn at Super Conference can be applied at any local church," Weider said.

"If the Great Commission is applicable to all, then the man in the pew needs to understand how to capture his town for Christ," Weider added.

The cost for Super Conference is \$99, but the TRBC and LU family may attend for free. Transportation to Thomas Road will also be provided on the hour at the steps by dorm 23 Sunday night through Wednesday night.

Almost 100 workshops are planned, covering an array of topics ranging from how to lead a prison ministry to how to lead small groups. These workshops run Monday through Wednesday from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m., each lasting one hour.

Junior Josh Barela said he was eager to attend his first Super Conference.

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Mel White, Soulforce return to TRBC

By Mariel Williams, news editor

Homosexual activist and author Mel White has returned to Lynchburg to once again try to convince Dr. Jerry Falwell to "tone down his anti-gay rhetoric."

Falwell and Thomas Road Baptist Church hosted a delegation from White's organization Soulforce in 1999 to discuss the problem of violence against gays and lesbians and violence against Christians. At that meeting, Falwell agreed to try to avoid to use rhetoric which would encourage violence, according to a story in the Nov. 9, 1999 Champion. And, so far, he does not think that he has failed to do this.

"Preaching and teaching Bible truth does not encourage violence against anyone, ever," Falwell said. White, on the other hand, believes Falwell has broken his promise, and he has come back to Virginia to remind him of it.

He has rented a house directly across the street from Thomas Road and has begun attending services there.

"Jerry is saying things about gay people that are so scary to people," he said. Saying that "the homosexual agenda" is a threat to family values and a threat to the military encourage violence against gay people, and this scares them, White said.

White said that he has come here because he believes Falwell is more open to change than many other leaders. He has also admitted that the potential media attention was another draw.

"Every time you go after Jerry, the media get involved... and every time the media come, I get a chance to say God loves God's gay and lesbian children," White said.

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PROTEST — Followers of anti-homosexual activist Fred Phelps picketed TRBC's anti-violence summit in 1999.

Gautier unveils plans for change in SGA

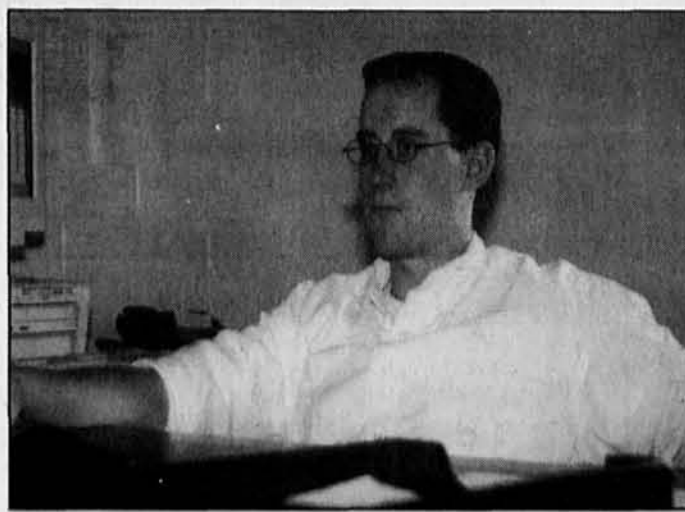
By Jaoni Matzker, reporter

Change seems to be the focus of the Student Government Association this year. The SGA's vision is "To radically alter the perception of what it is to be LU's Student Government."

The new SGA president, senior Zack Gautier, has plans to change the frame work of how the SGA operates, in order to make it effective. His plan for doing this involves an executive council, which will look at the student governments of over 30 colleges around the country and find out what makes them successful.

They plan to then take the best elements and implement them at LU. Gautier also desires to change the atmosphere of the SGA, by having people involved who genuinely want to serve God and their fellow students and do not see it as a burden. He also wants to see the SGA become more active in raising its financial support. Gautier envisions increasing the responsibilities of the SGA, and with that the budget. The task for the year is to make the SGA able to fulfill its mission of serving the university, the students and the community.

Junior Michelle Mola said, "If they put as much effort into getting things resolved as they do fund



PLANNING FOR FUTURE — Student body president Zack Gautier plans structural changes within the SGA.

raising for their campaigns, progress would be more evident."

Sophomore Sarah Staken thought things are improving already. "We weren't informed about what was going on in SGA last year, but it seems like this year they want us to know what they're working on," Staken said.

One difference that will be noticed quickly is the

absence of the Homecoming Bonfire. According to Gautier, this is partly because of the limited budget that the SGA has to work with. An event that large would take up too much of the resources that are needed for other things. Another reason is that Gautier does not see it as the student government's job to provide social activities for the students—that is what Student Life does. "The point of the SGA is not to entertain—we need to put our energies toward bettering the university," he said.

The executive vice-president, senior Paul Pittman, said that one of his goals for the year is to improve the representation of students in the Student Senate. He would like to see at least one person from each dorm involved in the Senate to ensure that everyone has a voice. Pittman said he wants the Senate "to be a help to the administration, and not a burden." He believes that one of the biggest ways that they can do that is to have the Senate raise its own funds for its projects. He said that in order to do this, they must look at bills from all sides before passing them, and decide exactly if and how they can carry out their projects.

One student, Judi Duclair said, "I don't even know what the president looks like. I haven't seen him at all this year." Gautier said, at the end of the year, most people probably won't be much more familiar with his name or face than they are now, because he foresees most of his work ahead as behind the scenes. He wants to do a lot of housecleaning.

The Price is Right



By Chris Price, columnist

In my four years of being at LU, I have seen many changes in the way things work. We no longer have to wear ties, DeMoss is now a four floor building and the business office is the favorite hang out of students. (Okay so that was an exaggeration.) But with all the changes going on, I have noticed a few more that could be made. So here they are.

Number One: Dedicate the first Sunday in each month to the memory of those who lost their lives in the crosswalk between Religion hall and DeMoss. I always say a quick prayer and cross my heart before I take a step off the curb. Somehow those stop signs have become suggestions, or mere options. You can look down the road all the way to Movies 10 and not see any traffic, but as soon as your Birkenstock hits the pavement, you are engaged in a high stakes game of human Frogger. This is why I suggest that area be named "Suicide Crossing" or "The Black Widow".

Number Two: End a practice that has been driving me crazy for four years now. Whenever you have a random stranger walk up to you and say, "Hey how is it going, my name is Joe." You can count on that person being an RA, and you are about to get reps. Don't pretend to be engaging me in conversation only to hit me with a fine. I think that the RA's have a hard thankless job, but being overly friendly when giving reps is only going to make me mad. If my shirt is out, I would rather an RA chase me down, let out a K-9 unit on me and mace in the face all while the song "Bad Boys" from Cops is playing, than to do it with a smile.

Number three: Limit the number of people who have a band and attend our school to less than 50. I think every guy with a studded belt, a fisherman's cap, or a Goodwill T-shirt is in a band on our campus.

Number Four: Anyone caught doing homework on a Friday night should be required to stamp "I've given up on a social life" directly on their forehead. I don't care how much work you have, there is no excuse to be on campus with a book open on Friday. If I ever do this may the Sweet Lord take mercy on me and bring me home because I am not even trying to have fun.

Number Five: This one is known as the Shipferling rule after a buddy of mine. When going anywhere in public you must be dressed as if you are going to meet your future mate. I will not take it to the extreme of checking your tag to make sure your brand is suitable as he does, but I will say if you are wearing a fanny pack, a sweatshirt with a cartoon character on it, neon pink laces, or a shirt that says "Don't worry be happy" on it, you will be required to change. You are not even trying at that point.

These rules will bring happiness and joy to our campus and do much to improve the quality of Life. When it comes to making changes, the Price is Right.

Melody Green addresses women students

By Meghan McCarthy, reporter

Melody Green of Last Days Ministries addressed female resident students in a mandatory women's hall meeting on Thursday night that focused on pursuing modesty.

Dean of Women Michelle Matthews opened the meeting in prayer, asking that all hearts and minds would be open to the message. After a time of praise and worship, the Praise 'n Motion ministry team introduced the topic of modesty through a short skit. The skit raised the question, "What does a Christian look like?" Members of the audience stood to clap and cheer for the team's performance.

After an introduction by Matthews, Green shared numerous personal stories and around 11 p.m. began to speak to female resident students about the importance of modesty.

"God never intended us to flaunt ourselves or uncover our bodies in an immodest way. He intends our bodies to be consecrated to Him," Green said. "Who you are is what you are inside, it's your value to God, it's your heart."

Senior Erika Zinnert noted the importance of this statement after the meeting was over. "Our identity alone is in the Lord. All things could pass away, even our own flesh and bodies, but our hearts before the Lord will stand the test of time," she said.

Green talked about her past and how she became aware of the importance of modesty. One night after missing a Bible study session, a female acquaintance approached her and said she had missed a great talk about modesty, apparently suggesting that this was an area that Green needed to work on. Green resented the woman's interference, despite the fact that she was wearing a bikini-like top.

"I realized she was trying to make a point with me," Green said, "I was so mad." After praying about it, she began to remember occasions when her dress seemed to cause fellow



KRISTIN HIGH

DEMONSTRATING GODLY LIVING — Ministry team Praise in Motion performs in hall meeting, showing how to incorporate modesty into every day life.

Christians to stumble. "I realized He [God] was speaking to me then. I literally had to go out and buy all new clothes," Green said.

Green went on to urge the women present to try to understand some crucial things about how men think in order to help them with how they dress. She stressed that men are visually oriented. "As women, the last thing we want is to be viewed as flesh," Green said. She warned students that it is easy for women to be a stumbling block for men.

"Women have a lot of power, but we don't want to abuse it. I feel sorry for a lot of guys because it [immodesty] is hard to get away

from. The last place they need it is when they are with their sisters (in Christ)," Green said.

Some time before midnight, the lights in the Vines Center shut off and never came back on, but Green continued for a few more minutes in dark.

At midnight Green closed by praying on behalf of the students present. She prayed for God to help all women to pursue modesty. She also asked each student to pray for her own modesty. Each woman should ask that "someday my future husband will be blessed because I have so much to give him, which no other man has seen," Green said.



PHOTO CREDIT

PROMOTING MODESTY — Melody Green encourages students to watch how they dress.

Light-A-Thon raises funds for radio station

By Meghan McCarthy, reporter

Campus radio station 90.9 The Light will hold its second annual Light-A-Thon fundraiser next week from Wednesday, Oct. 2 until Saturday, Oct. 5.

The first Light-A-Thon was held last spring and raised more than \$5,000. This fall, the station hopes to add to the funds earned during last spring's fundraiser. The Light's goal is to raise \$10,000, doubling last year's success.

"We're hoping now that people are aware of the event, we'll have more success," Station Manager Jamie Hall said. For this Light-A-Thon the station is trying hard to involve more businesses in the Lynchburg area in order to help in the success of the fundraiser.

The radio station finds it necessary to raise support for two main reasons. First, the station would like



KENNY GIBSON

SHEDDING LIGHT ON LYNCHBURG — LU's radio station is seeking funds to upgrade equipment and compensate staff.

to have the funds to offer student management a monetary scholarship at the end of their semester in honor of their work. With the exception of the station manager and the engineer, the station functions with a large staff of student management. Senior promotions director Heather Tucker and senior music

director/assistant operations director Joseph Portnoy both dedicate 20 to 30 hours per week to the radio station. This is a typical schedule for station workers. They also do not receive compensation of any kind for their time and work.

Second, money is needed in order to upgrade the studio equipment.

"We need to keep up with technology," Portnoy said. The main equipment goal this year is to upgrade the current computer automation system. "The new system will allow us to play our style of music for more of the day," Hall said.

In addition to raising money, the Light-A-Thon will also provide a large amount of entertainment. Live cover-


age will take place all over campus, as well as throughout the Lynchburg community.

"We'll be giving away some CD's and T-shirts as well as other great prizes which are still being determined," Tucker said. The station also plans to play different music than usual next week. "If you want contemporary for 12 straight hours every day, listen to 90.9 during the Light-A-Thon," Portnoy said.

This Light-A-Thon differs from the one last spring because it will take place during homecoming. For this reason it will be more focused on alumni who may have fond memories of the station and may want to donate funds in order to ensure that the station stays strong for future generations. The station staff has even decided to extend the Light-A-Thon until Saturday afternoon up until the homecoming parade.

If this year's Light-A-Thon is successful, the event will be held only once every fall from now on, Hall said. This will make it easier for individuals to give only one pledge per year.

Planning for the Light-A-Thon is still in progress and will continue up until the starting date of October 2nd. "We would appreciate prayer support and volunteers to answer phones," junior office manager Jewel Hurlburt said.



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Gang violence increases in Lynchburg

By Julleanna Outten, editor in chief

The streets of Lynchburg have become home to the Crips and the Bloods. The usually peaceful city was pummeled with an increasing number of incidents of gang-related violence over this past summer. Lynchburg police have identified seven gangs with marked territories for drug sales in Lynchburg. All the gangs are connected to either the Crips or the rival Bloods, national drug-centered gangs based in Los Angeles.

"We've never really had a problem until

this year," Captain Andy Vest, East patrol division commander of the Lynchburg police department, said. "We're trying to control this before it becomes a large-scale problem like the big cities."

From April to August 2002, the Lynchburg police reported 17 gang related incidents in the city.

According to The News & Advance, five of this year's seven murders in the city were either gang or drug-related.

Incidents include shootings, robberies and aggravated assaults, and often occur as a result of gang members entering a rival gang's turf.

As seen in the media, gangs distinguish themselves by the colors they wear, complex hand signals and graffiti. The Crips wear blue, and the Bloods wear red, often in the form of a bandana tied on their head or body.

"Now that the gangs are identifying and claiming turf, it's difficult," Vest said. "Now that they're organized, they retaliate."

In years past, the police could control the violence and drug problem better because it was only individuals involved, but now when someone is

arrested for a drug incident, there are gang members available to replace the individual and protect the territory.

According to The News & Advance, cocaine, crack, marijuana and heroin are the main drugs available in the 15-20 open-air drug markets in Lynchburg. In high demand areas, like Lynchburg's open-air markets, gangs can make \$40,000 in cash a day from \$10,000 worth of crack.

Lynchburg is not the only city experiencing an increase in gang activity. Six months after Charlottesville went public, Lynchburg became the second city west of Richmond to publicly acknowledge a gang problem.

Nationwide there were more than 24,500 gangs active in 2000, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, including a reported increase in numbers in smaller cities.

"We can't have this going on," Ivorie Glass, a senior at E. C. Glass High School, said. "We've had gang shootings at teenage parties and teenagers shooting up places and we have nowhere to go. All we do is sit in the house bored."

Vest noted that movies, music and the entertainment industry portraying drug activity in a more positive way have influenced the nationwide increase in the number of gangs. For Lynchburg specifically he said it has to do with gang members moving into the area and gaining followers. Most are post-high school age, ranging from 18 to 25, but suspects have included persons as young as 15 as well as some in their mid 30s.

"It's important to note that gang activity is not only a police problem, but also a community problem," Vest said. "It will affect all in the city, including college students."



RUSTY MARTIN

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES — The LU grounds crew maintains grass, flower beds and sidewalks, and keeps the campus looking clean and neat.

Crew keeps grounds neat, but some students don't show respect for work

By Ana Sophia, reporter

The grounds of Liberty University continue to change every year as the grounds crew tries to provide attractive places where students can appreciate different styles of the landscaping art. But the department sometimes wonders if students really appreciate it or not.

The Grounds Maintenance Department aims to meet the needs of the University, maintaining the turf and providing landscapes and outdoor facilities that are attractive to the students.

"I really enjoy working outside, and being creative," senior crew member Matt Coombe said. "What I do is create Liberty University's first impressions. It impacts how others see Liberty," Coombe said. The Grounds Maintenance Department seeks to maintain a safe environment for pedestrian and vehicular traffic around campus. It also provides outdoor facilities where athletes and all students can practice physical activities, providing an aesthetically pleasant environment for students, visitors, faculty and staff.

However, the grounds department has experienced a lot of frustration at the way students treat the grounds.

"Students show absolutely no respect for the campus; I think they do not appreciate it," Randy Johnson, grounds department manager, said. The problem is that after all the work and effort from the Grounds crew to keep the campus a clean and attractive place to be, students keep leaving litter in the floors and parking lots. The grounds crew spends Saturdays picking up trash that someone "accidentally forgot" on the ground.

The campus has grown and changed a lot in recent years, and the grounds crew has contributed to these changes. With limited resources, this department has built the stairs on the hill, cleaned trash on the ground left by the students, repaired pavements, planted flowers and completed many other tasks.

What is most frustrating to this department is to try to provide good facilities for the students and see students disrespecting it. A good example of this is the new stairs on the hill built for the student's needs. Students keep breaking through the hedge and sliding or walking down the hill. This has left behind a scar which will not go away until it is carefully repaired. The repairs will money and some time.

Many students do in fact appreciate the look of the campus. "The campus is very beautiful—perfect. I think the school is doing a very good job," said sophomore Luzdelia Correa.

Junior Andrew Walker agreed that the campus is well kept. "(The grounds are) very good and are getting better compared to last year. But students do not appreciate much of what they have. They forget it, or maybe they do not notice it. It is not important for them," Walker said.

The Grounds Maintenance Department has 165 acres to take care of on the campus alone, plus three thousand acres outside campus, in lands that belong to the University. Only 18 men are in charge of all of this: nine full-time workers, and nine student workers. The crew's work is never completely done: there are always things to clean, change, repair or complete.

This list contains less than half of the suspected gang-related incidents that occurred this summer.

- May 28 The police responded to a large fight at the Miller Park swimming pool.
- June 8 Gang members exchanged hand signals, then engaged in a fight at River Ridge mall.
- June 13 A drive-by shooting, believed by police to have been committed by members of the Crips, injured a local Blood on Main Street.
- July 14 Shots were fired from a minivan into the McDonald's on Memorial Avenue. As the van drove by, at least one subject left the restaurant and shot at the van. Police believed it to be in retaliation of the previous night's shooting.
- June 28 An armed robbery occurred at the 7-11 located on Fort Avenue. with the suspect shooting the clerk in the chest.
- July 2 A cab driver was robbed and then ordered into the trunk of the taxicab by two suspects. The suspects put the car into gear causing it to roll down the hill into a resident home.
- July 30 A juvenile male who attended E.C. Glass High School was shot in the head on Fifth Street in front of Mayor Carl Hutcherson's Funeral Home. He died as a result of the injuries.

Citywide meeting addresses gang problem

By Julleanna Outten, editor in chief

Hundreds from the community gathered at E.C. Glass High School on Monday night Sept. 23 for the "City of Lynchburg Summit on Safe Neighborhoods."

In response to the increase in violence and gang incidents over the summer, Lynchburg Mayor Carl Hutcherson originated the idea for a community forum to tackle the growing gang problem.

"We're aware of course that we've got a community problem here, and we're trying to address that problem. Not just because it's happened, but because we're citizens of the community," Hutcherson said.

The school's parking lots were full and cars lined the streets, as an more than 700 people took seats in the school's auditorium

around 7 p.m.

"Because you've come here tonight, it says to us you're concerned about the place you live, the people you live with and the conditions you're living under," Leroy Mitchell, III, pastor of Greater Brookville Church, said to the crowd. Mitchell said that everyone in the city has a responsibility to be concerned not only for his or her own children but also for others.

City Manager Kimball Payne, Hutcherson and the Honorable Judge Dale Harris, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court 24th Judicial District of Virginia, also spoke briefly. Harris noted a significant increase in the types of juvenile delinquents with burglaries and alcohol use and possession more than doubling in the last year.

"Our efforts together must not wilt or

waver in keeping violence down and communication open," Harris said.

After the speakers finished, Payne instructed the crowd to divide into small groups according to the number on their nametag. The 14 groups spread out in rooms around the school for 45 minutes and each addressed three questions: What are the issues about safe neighborhoods that concern you? What can we do as a community to promote safe neighborhoods? What can an individual do to promote safe neighborhoods?

One diverse group of about 20 led by two women equipped with markers and poster paper eagerly engaged in discussion.

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"I think it will be good equipping [for ministry]," Barela said. "Workshops focusing on men's ministry and marital counseling interest me most."

Sophomore Jesse Foutz, who attended last year, said, "It was a really good time of spiritual growth. [Super Conference] offers so much."

The strong reputation of dynamic preachers sparks the interest of many students. Notables such as John Maxwell, Jerry Vines, Johnny Hunt, James Merritt, Bailey Smith and many others will preach throughout the conference beginning at 7:30 each night. Exact times for all the different workshops and messages can be viewed by accessing the Super Conference link at www.trbc.org.

Laymen and ministers alike from

all over the country will begin warming the pews at TRBC this Sunday at 7 p.m. to hear John Maxwell kick off the conference.

Between 600-800 registered attendees are expected to come this year, most from out of town. All who come may survey the latest in church development throughout the day as they examine almost 70 booths set up in the church's gyms.

Booths serving the interests of students will be selling Christian books, music, software and clothes. Mission organizations will also fill spots there to inform others of opportunities.

"I look forward to attending Super Conference so that I may be enlightened and motivated throughout the semester," sophomore Kacy Jeschor said.

Some professors cancel classes for students to attend various workshops.



VINES

These sessions, conforming to the theme of "Capturing Your City for Christ," include information on how a local body can reach out to an entire city through alcohol and drug addiction programs, nursery and pre-school ministries, youth visitation, puppet programs and many more.

FORCE: Summit anniversary sees continued division

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"Every time you get a chance to say 'God loves you too' it's a witness,"

The 1999 summit at TRBC attracted a lot of media attention, as well as protests from both sides of the debate. Anti-homosexual activist Fred Phelps brought a contingent from his Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., to protest Falwell's decision to hold the meeting, and the homosexual activist group "Oral Majority" protested White's attendance at such a meeting.

While he does not intend to repeat the 1999 summit, Falwell is not entirely opposed to meeting with White during his sojourn in Virginia.

"I will meet with Mel and Gary (Nixon, his partner) before they leave Lynchburg and when it is clear to me that they are not grandstanding," Falwell said.

White's current complaint against Falwell is that what Falwell says about the gay community in general and White and Souforce in particular is not true. He said that Falwell misled the public about their meeting in 1999.

The television program "Listen America" showed ex-gay speaker and author Michael Johnston speaking in TRBC the morning that the Souforce delegates attended, and also stated

that several gays came forward and repented of their lifestyle at that time.

White claims this was misleading because Falwell himself spoke that morning, and none of his delegates renounced homosexuality.

love the sinner and hate the sin. I don't feel any love from Jerry," he said.

White said that he had heard from closeted gay students at LU that students who are discovered to be gay are quietly



PHOTO PROVIDED

COUNTER-PROTEST — Homosexual activist group Oral Majority gathers outside TRBC during 1999 summit.

However, according to Falwell, Johnston did speak that morning; he spoke in the early morning service. And no one ever claimed that the repentant gays were members of Souforce; they were simply people who said they wanted to repent of homosexuality.

White feels that Falwell demonizes homosexuals and makes misleading statements about them.

"He singles us out as sinners worse than any other kind of sinners," White said. "Jerry says

expelled. However, there is no mention of homosexuality in "The Liberty Way." According to Dean of Men Dane Emerick, a student caught in any sexual activity outside of marriage receives the same number of reprimands, whether they are homosexual or heterosexual.

Junior Oswald Attin didn't think White has much hope. "He will never get Jerry Falwell to change his mind on homosexuals," Attin said.

DORMS: New housing planned to be finished by spring semester

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As a result, Chancellor Falwell, President John Borek and the university attorney went to see the company, Bostic Brothers, who were delighted to change the original plan and start work on a student housing project.

Each "apartment" in the complex will have three bedrooms, a personal bathroom for each bedroom, walk-in closets, internet connections, cable, a kitchen, living room and access to washer and dryer, a clubhouse, additional food service facilities, a big screen TV lounge, swimming pool, game room, and study lounge.

Other possible features are gymnasiums and a fitness center as well as a car wash.

According to Falwell, the floor plan is a little different than what they would have built.

"The plan is to build right away. They already have the permits and could start as early as next week," Borek said. "We'll try to have it by Jan. 15, or shortly thereafter, and students could be housed in temporary housing such as hotels until it is finished."

Many students look forward to having only one roommate. "It's unnecessary for three people to have to share a room. . . . I think the apartments are a great idea," junior Rebecca Crawford said.

According to Chancellor Falwell, Bostic can provide 3,000 new beds a year for the next few years to alleviate the crowding on campus. "By

Jan. 15 to Feb. 1, we could have as many as four or five new buildings," he said.

According to Borek, Liberty has negotiated with Bostic for the building maintenance and ownership of the facilities. A lot of universities are using third parties to develop housing, he said.

Many students are excited about the new dorms and eager to get out of cramped rooms. However, at least one student would like to see more attention given to improving the living space available now.

"It's cool that they're doing the new ones-the apartments on the mountain are great, but they should also work on the ones we have," junior Katie Corzine said.

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October

- 10/1/02 - Horseback Riding Meet @David's Place Call x2131 for more info.
- 10/4/02 - Faculty Recital 4:00 PM @ Fine Arts Recital Hall
- 10/4/02 - Oklahoma! 8:00 PM @ Lloyd Theater Call x2085 for tickets.
- 10/5/02 - Homecoming Parade 12:00 PM
- 10/5/02 - Oklahoma! 8:00 PM @ Lloyd Theater Call x2085 for tickets.
- 10/5/02 - Alumni Hockey Game 11:00 PM
- 10/8/02 - Horseback Riding Meet @David's Place Call x2131 for more info.
- 10/10/02 - Oklahoma! 7:30 PM @ Lloyd Theater Call x2085 for tickets.
- 10/10/02 - Faculty Recital: Schubert's "Die schone Mullerin" 7:30 PM @ Fine Arts Recital Hall
- 10/11/02 - Oklahoma! 7:30 PM @ Lloyd Theater Call x2085 for tickets.
- 10/11/02 - Men's Hockey Game vs. NC State 11:00 PM
- 10/12/02 - Paintball at Master's Inn. Call x2131 for more info.
- 10/12/02 - Oklahoma! 7:30 PM @ Lloyd Theater Call x2085 for tickets.
- 10/15/02 - Horseback Riding Meet @David's Place Call x2131 for more info.
- 10/16/02 - Jazz Night 9:00 PM @ DeMoss Courtyard - Refreshments for sale from Drowsy Poet
- 10/18/02 - Men's Hockey Game vs. NC State 11:00 PM
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FALWELL SPEAKS OUT:

Interview about Soulforce

1. Do you think that saying homosexuality brings down civilizations encourages people to physically attack homosexuals?

Preaching and teaching Bible truth does not encourage violence against anyone, ever. This claim by gay activists is false and designed to silence Biblical preaching on the sinfulness of immorality. The clear Bible message declares that all sexual activity, heterosexual or homosexual, outside of marriage between a man and woman is sin. Romans 1 and many other passages state that the practice of homosexuality is sin.

2. Dr. White plans a picnic in October, to which all members of TRBC are invited. Will you go? Will you encourage church members to go? Dr. White suggested that this would be a wonderful opportunity for members of TRBC to witness to members of Soulforce.

If Mel White and Soulforce wish to be witnessed to about Jesus Christ, our church soul-winners will be most happy to meet with them at any time. We have done so many times before. However, Mel's publicity stunt to invite TRBC members to break bread with them in a social gathering is forbidden by several Scriptures. I Corinthians 6:15-18, I Corinthians 10:21 and II Corinthians 6:14-18.

3. Dr. White said that you have claimed he abandoned his family, and that this is false because his wife encouraged him to leave and he is still close to both her and their children. Would you say that your definition of "abandonment" is different from his?

Mel White, after been exposed as a practicing gay, left his wife and children and moved in permanently with Gary Nixon, his gay lover. He married his wife under the pretense of being a morally straight evangelical Christian. He also taught at Fuller Seminary, an evangelical school, under the same pretense. He wrote for Drs. Billy Graham, Pat Robertson and me under the same pretense.

The fact that his wife encouraged him to leave after she learned he was also living with a male lover is a reaction to be expected. When he married his wife, he promised to be faithful to her and remain with her "til death do us part." Abrogating that commitment and moving in with a male lover is what I call abandonment.

He says he has a good relationship with his wife and children. It would be interesting to know how much monthly family support he has paid his wife and family since he left them.

4. According to Dr. White, when he came to Lynchburg in 1999, "Listen America" showed several of his followers coming forward during the invitation and repenting of homosexuality—something he says never happened. He also said that the show gave the impression that on the day when he and Soulforce attended TRBC Michael Johnston was speaking, and that that is also not true.

Listen America has never "shown" anyone coming forward at any meeting at any time for any reason. The fact is that seven gay persons who attended TRBC on the Sunday Mel White and Soulforce were in Lynchburg have come to Christ and abandoned the gay lifestyle. I do not know if they were Soulforce delegates to the Violence Summit or not.

Further, Michael Johnston, an evangelist and a former gay now afflicted with AIDS, preached in the first of the two morning services on the day in 1999 when the Violence Summit was held. Some of the attending gays and lesbians were present for Michael's message. I spoke in the second morning service when other gays, including Mel White, attended.

Michael also participated in the Saturday Summit discussions and press conference the day before. Mel and Soulforce showed rudeness and contempt toward Michael since his clear Christian testimony proves that they also can be delivered by Christ from their moral perversion. Michael heads up Kerusso Ministries in Virginia Beach and is available to speak in churches worldwide on the wonderful grace of God that delivers from all sin, including homosexuality.

5. Why have you determined not to have dinner with Dr. White and the rest of Soulforce?

I will meet with Mel and Gary before they leave Lynchburg when it is clear to me that they are not grandstanding and hot-dogging. I have no intention of dining with them and violating the Scriptures mentioned earlier.

-Interview conducted by Mariel Williams, news editor

Many Homecoming events planned

By Rhiannon Berry, assistant news editor

The time has come to celebrate the 2002 Liberty University homecoming, where the campus will be flooded with former graduates and the families of current students. The visitors will begin arriving in Lynchburg on Friday, Oct. 4 and will have a variety of activities to take part in. They will be able to check out the changes on campus and meet up with old friends during their stay.

Homecoming events are catered toward both students and alumni. Saturday begins the annual events for students. At noon, there will be a homecoming parade along University Blvd. Organized by Student Life, prizes will be

awarded to the first, second and third place winners with the best entries.

The LU football team will be hosting Gardner-Webb at 3:30 p.m. in Williams Stadium.

Earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m., there is an ultimate frisbee tournament at the intramural fields, and a women's volleyball game against Coastal Carolina at 2 p.m. in the Vines Center.

According to the Liberty Splash Page, Alumni Affairs is hosting a banquet for past graduates on Friday evening in the Schilling Center. Visitors can also take in a performance of Oklahoma!, put on by LU's theater department at 8 p.m.

SUMMIT: City discusses ways to deal with crime and social problems

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They suggested proactive steps such as keeping centers open later for youths, creating activities more attractive to older youth like midnight basketball, getting police out of their cars to get to know the youths, holding more planning sessions, encouraging young people more, pushing the community leaders to get personally involved and challenging people to report any criminal activity.

"Lynchburg is being pushed from its place of innocence; it has to go to another level," Rev. Jerome Paylor, a Lynchburg resident, said during the session.

After a brief break, everyone reassembled in the auditorium. Payne summarized the results by taking the top 10 or 12 answers from small groups and comparing the answers.

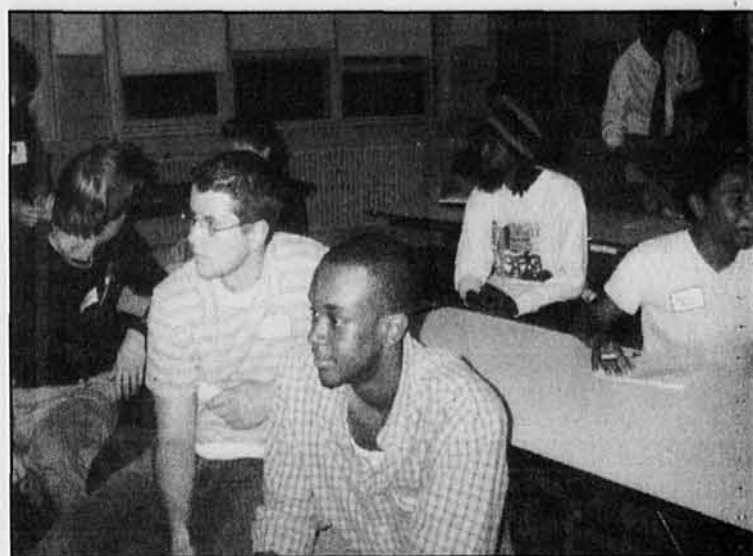
"(The) city council's efforts are directed at bringing together a plan and a group of people, hopefully by December, to

lay before the city a plan that would continue to allow the city to be a safe series of neighborhoods," Superintendent of Lynchburg Schools James McCormick said a few days after the meeting.

Statistics show that high school dropouts from low-income families are most likely to become gang members.

According to The News & Advance, there are more than 20 after school and summer programs designed for youth, but it is difficult to get the word out and to get the volunteers needed to run them.

"We want to do some proactive things," Hutcherson said. "We want to do some things that will hopefully affect home situations because we know that a breakdown in family structure has caused some of this problem."



COMMUNITY TALKS — Hundreds from the community and E.C. Glass students gathered for the city's summit to discuss solutions to crime problems.

He hopes that the steps being taken will keep the younger generation out of the gang scene.

Kenneth Mosby, a junior at E.C. Glass High School, said he does not believe that much can be done to help the gang situation. "If the kids aren't listening to their parents, then they're obviously not going to listen to their teachers and principles and all that stuff," Mosby said.

Lynchburg Police Cap-

tain Andy Vest said that the best thing for the community to do is report any criminal activity, stay informed about the situation and get involved in volunteer programs. He also mentioned the Ride Along Program that allows people from the community to ride around with a Lynchburg policeman. Riders must be over the age of 18 and sign a waiver. The number to call is 847-1375.

World update

Compiled by Wes Rickards from FoxNews.com

Uranium nabbed not as large as thought

The weapons-grade uranium seized by Turkish police Saturday weighs far less than previously believed, officials said.

Originally, it was thought that paramilitary police caught over 15 kg of the substance, but the actual weight turned out to be only hundreds of grams. Two men accused of smuggling the uranium have been since detained.

Officers in the southern province of Sanliurfa, bordering Syria and 250 km from the Iraqi border, were acting on a tip-off when they stopped a taxi cab and discovered the uranium in a lead container hidden beneath the vehicle's seat, the Anatolian said last Saturday.

Authorities believe the uranium came from an east European country and has a value of about \$5 million.

Giuliani wants bin Laden

If Osama bin Laden is ever caught alive, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani has one wish. He wants to be the one to execute the terrorist.

In his new book, "Leadership," Giuliani says that he asked President Bush three days after the Sept. 11 attacks if he could be the executioner.

"I am sure he thought I was just speaking rhetorically," Giuliani wrote. "But I was serious. Bin Laden had attacked my city, and as its mayor I had the strong feeling that I was the most appropriate person to do it."

CORRECTION: The ministry team pictured on page 4 of last week's issue who performed on Family Day was Alpha and Omega. -Jules Outten

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Life!

picks of the week

• 10/4-5 Oklahoma Performances

Liberty University's Fine Arts Department is bringing Rodgers and Hammerstein's Tony award winning musical to the campus. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$5 for students and children and \$7 for adults. Fine Arts 134.

• 10/4 2002 Porky Classic

The Sons of Liberty Ultimate are hosting this Ultimate Frisbee Tournament held on the intramural fields. The tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. and will last until 3:30 p.m. Many colleges will be participating in the events, so bring signs and support the Sons of Liberty Ultimate Club team.

• 10/5 LU Homecoming Parade

Show your school spirit and watch the homecoming parade going around campus at noon on Friday. The parade will include many faculty members and students and is a chance to support LU.

• 10/5 LU vs. Gardner-Webb

The LU Flames will be playing Gardner-Webb in the homecoming game on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Williams Stadium. The gates will open at 2:30 p.m. and admission is free for students with ID card. Wear red and blue and come out to support the Flames on this big day.

Random Acts of Kindness on the Liberty Campus...

Here are a few ways for you to show kindness to someone here in Lynchburg.

- Pay for someone's ticket on 50 cent movie night.
- Bring your roommate a cup of coffee after your eight o'clock class, and they're just getting out of bed.
- It's not glamorous, but go ahead and put the cart back where it goes.
- Write a thank you note to your professors for something that they have taught you.
- Let the person in behind you in line go ahead of you--whether it's the chicken patty line in the dining hall or the business office.
- Here's a real challenge--Let someone have your parking space.
- Go and donate your blood--or even your plasma. It's your opportunity to save up to three lives.
- Be willing to give rides when your backseat is empty--especially on rainy days.
- Send a note of encouragement to the person on your hall or in one of your classes that you know is having a hard time right now.

Hopefully most of us have experienced a random act of kindness on the campus of LU. Maybe it was someone

who gave you a ride back to the dorm, or to class when you were going to be late. Perhaps someone simply shared a pencil with you on test day. In any event, here are a few students with stories to share.

It was pouring down rain, and she had forgotten her umbrella that day. She was dreading the walk all the way back to her dorm, but knew that there was no avoiding the rain. As she was making the long



hike to Dorm 33, a guy came up to her with an umbrella and escorted her all the way to her dorm. He lived on the hill, but was willing to go out of his way to make her day a little less wet.

— from Jessica Blanchard, freshman nursing major.

He was washing his truck shortly before curfew when he locked his keys in his truck. Several guys he didn't even know who happened to be at the car wash helped him get into his truck. These guys were willing to take a few minutes just to help someone out.

— from Andrew Ross, senior physical education major.

She was just getting gas before she headed home for the weekend. Her car was filthy from weeks of parking in the pit, and no rain

showers to wash her car. Two Liberty students were getting gas as well, and commented that she might have a hard time seeing out of her windows to drive. She went into the gas station to pay for her gas, and when she returned to her car, the windows had been freshly cleaned by these two LU students. They took just a few moments to make her trip home a much safer trip, and simply brightened her day.

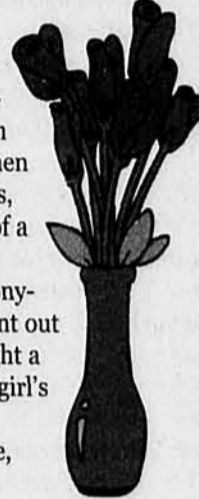
— from Holly Paulette, junior FACS major

He was in a hurry, and was going to have to walk all the way to David's Place, when a friend offered to give him a ride. That small act of kindness by a friend kept him from being late for his meeting.

— from Jacob Swanson, senior worship major

She returned from a long day of classes to find a message from Holiday House on her answering machine. When they dropped off her flowers, she found a beautiful vase of a dozen red roses waiting for her. They were from an anonymous sender. Someone went out of his or her way and brought a beautiful surprise into this girl's week.

— from Amanda Sample, freshman.



“ If there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not deter or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

—William Penn ”

Do You Know



KATHY PIERCE

Hometown: West Grove, Pa.

Major: English

Favorite movie: Flight of the Navigator

Most treasured material possession: My origami flowers made by my lobster.

Describe your ideal Saturday afternoon: Getting up late, and spending the day in a bookstore, browsing through books, and sitting and drinking coffee with someone special.

Favorite day of the week: Thursdays, because I love the girls in my prayer group.

If I could be any car I would be: A '72 baby blue Chevelle with white racing stripes

Pet peeves: When you're walking out the door and you go to fill your water bottle, and the Brita water filter is empty.

Favorite Verse: Isaiah 48:15b-16a

Words to live by: Love can make otherwise rational people act in an irrational fashion.

If I could be anyone for a day it would be: Mrs. Towles

If someone could play me in a movie I would want it to be: Reese Witherspoon

Plans after Liberty: culinary school, probably in New Jersey.

Conserving Lynchburg's Water...ways to show kindness to your community

Virginians all over the state are desperate for rain. This lack of rain is causing many to watch the weather channel and to pray for just a few drops of rain. Rivers are drying up and crops are withering away. Many cities and towns across the state are trying to conserve water. Liberty students have the opportunity to do an act of kindness simply by conserving water.

It is important to conserve water before restrictions are placed on water usage. It's time for a change of lifestyle, and maybe time to break certain habits. Here are a few tips on how to conserve water:

- While shaving or brushing your teeth, don't keep the water running.
- Decrease your time in the shower--save your daydreaming for another time. Also, try to limit yourself to one shower a day.

For washing and rinsing dishes, use a dishpan or a large bowl to collect the water.

When doing laundry, instead of running two small loads, run just one large load.

When your car gets filthy from parking in the pit, use a bucket to wash your car instead of a hose.

Let's help conserve water before Lynchburg is put on restrictions. It's time to stop taking our natural resources for granted and appreciate how truly blessed we are. Most importantly, aside from conserving our water and taking care of the earth God has given us, we need to be consistent and faithful to pray for rain in Virginia.

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Make just one someone happy

Do you remember the last time someone did something truly kind for you? Or, more importantly, do you remember the last time that you did something kind for someone, with no ulterior motives or designs? It is a sad commentary on our society when we have to struggle to think of a time that we did something for someone else, purely for the sake of kindness.

This past week I was talking with a couple of girls on my hall, who were asking me how my day was going. I shrugged and said that it wasn't a bad day, just not exciting or eventful. Much to my surprise, when I returned to my room that evening, I found that my bottom bunk had been decorated with tons of stars hanging from the bottom of the top bunk. These two girls had gone out of their way to make my day special.

The coolest thing about that little incident is

that it's something I won't forget. We have the opportunity to do really small things that are going to hugely impact someone. The girl walking in the rain who was escorted by the guy with the umbrella all the way to her dorm is not going to forget his kindness. These really aren't huge things, yet they somehow make a difference in our lives. Why? Because these little insignificant ways of showing kindness tell that person that they are important, and that they are cared for.

Everyone wants to feel loved and to feel appreciated as a person. When you take a few extra seconds and let the person behind you get ahead of you in the lunch line, it may not seem like you're doing anything extravagant, but you just never know what that person's going through. Maybe your act of kindness was exactly what



they needed that day.

William Wordsworth once said that, "The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love." Every single one of us has the opportunity to love the people around us by the little things that we do, by showing them that we care about them. Letting the person ahead of you in line is much more important than the two extra minutes you will have to eat your own food. The 50 cents that you will spend on someone else's tickets at the movies on Tuesday night is really not going to break your bank. These are the little, nameless acts of kindness that define who we are, and how we love.

I was watching a movie once with my mom,

and a scene came on the screen where a girl came out of the bathroom with toilet paper stuck to her shoe. The heroine in the movie very calmly reached out and stepped on the toilet paper to save this girl from being embarrassed.

My mom laughed at this scene, and commented that she had done this several times. And at that moment, I was completely struck, not by the silly scene in the movie, but by the fact that my mom was the kind of person I wanted to be. She is someone who is constantly doing little things for other people, and going out of her way to make others happier and more comfortable. As silly as it sounds, we should all strive to be the person who steps on the toilet paper stuck to someone else's shoe.

1 John 3:18 says, "Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions." This week, let's all take the opportunity to show the people around us that we love them. Write a note to your roommate telling them that you appreciate them. Treat your friend to ice cream. To quote a line from an old song, "Make just one someone happy."

Big Idea's VeggieTales come to the big screens

By Chad Kennedy, reporter

Get your Veggies while they're fresh! Bob and Larry's big screen debut, Big Idea's *Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie* sails into Lynchburg at The Plaza's Carmike 8 Cinema this Friday, Oct. 4, but its stay at the cinema could depend on you!

The epic tale of Jonah and the whale receives classic Veggie treatment, complete with silly songs, biblical values and Monty

Python references. Archibald Asparagus is Jonah, who ignores God's command to go to Nineveh and sets sail with *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything* (played by Larry the Cucumber, Mr. Lunt and Pa Grape) instead.

Jonah has been in production for over two years, and it promises to be the most spectacular animation to come out of the studio to date. The film shoots for an epic action/adventure feel, since the high seas are a long way from the Veggies' kitchen counter. Action sequences include fish-slapping battles, a porcupine wreck, a high seas storm, and the infamous whale-gobbling ordeal.

Aside from biblical research, co-director and Larry the Cucumber vocalist Mike Nawrocki also researched classic comedy.

"There was a very short Monty Python skit that was basically just two guys standing and slapping each other with fish, which I thought was the funniest thing in the world when I

was a kid. So Monty Python inspired the fish-slapping, but it played really well into the whole fish theme we had going with *Nineveh*," Nawrocki said.

Jonah also boasts a stellar soundtrack. Relient K does a punk rendition of "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything," and the Newsboys sing about whale food on "In The Belly of the Whale." Anointed appears in the film as a Gospel choir of onions with "Second Chances," and Chris Rice also contributes a tune.

Big Idea hopes to share a story of God's mercy and compassion with the masses, but will the masses come out to see an independently produced family movie? Big Idea's founder Phil Vischer says, "...today's wisdom says the only companies that can successfully launch family films are the few media giants with limitless resources and access to in-house promotional vehicles like theme parks and TV networks...Next to the 'big guys' of the entertainment business, we are a 'gnat.' So we are going to be a very clever gnat."

The whole venture is a step of faith, and Big Idea is asking Christian fans to support the film in a big way through word-of-mouth, patronage, and e-cards from www.jonah-movie.com.



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Despite the obstacles, *Jonah* already seems to be on the right track. It has a big distribution deal with FHE Pictures, a division of leading independent film company Artisan Entertainment, which will put the film in 900 theaters. It has some big promotions going with Chick-fil-A and other Christian venues, but what it does not have is a big opening...yet.

The first 72 hours are critical for an independent film because the theater can choose to quit showing it after the first weekend. If opening weekend ticket sales are good, though, *Jonah* has a better chance of reaching the masses with God's message and great comedy. Help *Jonah* have a whale of a weekend...and make sure you stay for the credits!

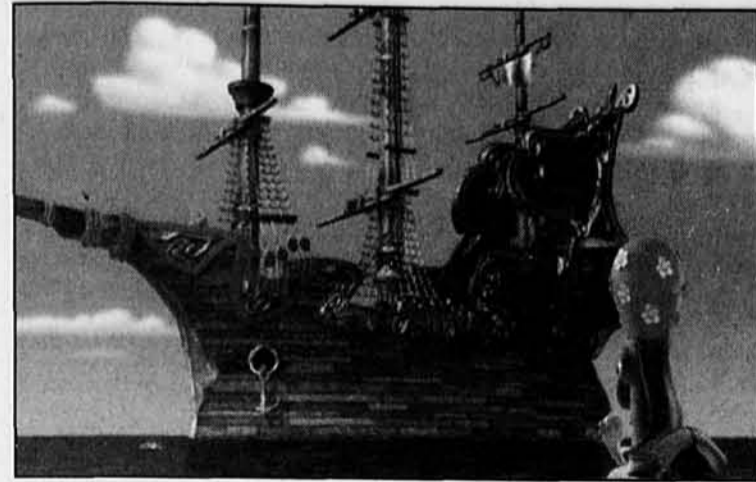


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Liberty Alumni: making a difference in today's world

By Tamia Hetrick, reporter

With homecoming just around the corner it reminds us of all those students who have gone before us, the LU alumni. Whether you are in your first semester as a freshman or you last semester as a senior, you may have wondered, "how far do Liberty graduates go in the professional world?"

Some graduates may take years climbing the corporate ladder little by little, while others hit the ground running. Two recent graduates from the school of business and government have hit the ground running. They are Jeffrey Coleman and Bill Murray.

Jeff Coleman, a 2001 graduate, is serving his first term in Pennsylvania's House of Representatives after defeating an 11-year incumbent in the state's 60th Legislative District. He was elected to office in November 2000 and has the first-ever "Online Office" in the House, a promise he made while campaigning. Coleman is the first Filipino-American elected to the Pennsylvania House.

Coleman was born on July 4, 1975 on Washington Whidbey Island Naval Facility, in the Republic of the Philippines. In 1981 his family took numerous missionary trips to Korea, Kenya, Singapore, Peru, Brazil and finally back to the Philippines in 1984.

It was while living in the Philippines that Coleman became interested in politics and public service while observing the "People Power Revolution," which mobilized over two million citizens in pro-democracy protests.

Coleman finished high school state side in Armstrong County, Pa. where at age 18 he won a

seat on the Republican Committee as a write-in candidate.

Coleman came to Liberty University in 1994. While he was in school he worked as an aide to U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, in addition he anchored a prominent talk-radio station.

Coleman was asked about his experience here at Liberty University. "My entire LU experience prepared me for the tough challenge of running and serving in elected office. Liberty is a community that, much like the 'real world' puts your values, beliefs and core convictions to the test," Coleman said.

"I was fortunate to be surrounded by solid, compassionate, professionals who equipped me with the tools I use every day in the State Capital," he added.

Bill Murray, who served as editor and chief of the *Champion*, has also hit the road running career wise before graduating from Liberty.

"I graduated from Liberty in May of 2002, though I left as a full-time student in December because I only had one EDP class to take and had a job offer in Washington, D.C. I still work at that job. I am a spokesman and media coordinator for the Family Research Council, the largest conservative lobbying/public policy organization in DC, and I'm a law student at American University," Murray said.

When he was asked about his greatest experience at LU his response was far from ordinary.

"My greatest experience at LU was actually cutting my arm almost off; I was involved in an accident on my dorm," Murray said. According to Deborah Huff, communications professor and supervisor of the *Liberty Champion*, the incident was very serious and Murray almost died from

the accident.

"The experience taught me so much about both reliance on God and belief in my own capabilities.

"At one point, I was undergoing an additional surgery on my arm, working 50 hours per week at the *Champion*, doing physical therapy and 18 credit hours in the same semester. The discipline I learned through that has helped me prepare for my current schedule of full-time work during the day and law school during the evening," Murray said.

Murray left LU with more than just great time management skills and being able to juggle a full schedule.

Liberty prepared him on several fronts. "I had my faith solidified for four years, the results of which I can easily see evident in my life today. Academically, I had four or five teachers in particular who never accepted less than the best from me, and now that I'm in law school where the stakes are much higher, I can appreciate that," Murray said. He also mentioned having met the best friends he'll probably ever make in his life, while attending Liberty.

Murray offered no hesitation in responding to who impacted him the most at LU. "Mrs. Huff gave this government major a job that belonged to a communications major and allowed me a chance to succeed as Editor of the *Champion*. That job taught me how to write, analyze and synthesize information in a way that I could never have learned in class. And now I find myself writing pieces in major newspapers and doing national broadcast interviews," Murray said.

"Dr. Linda Groome always encouraged my

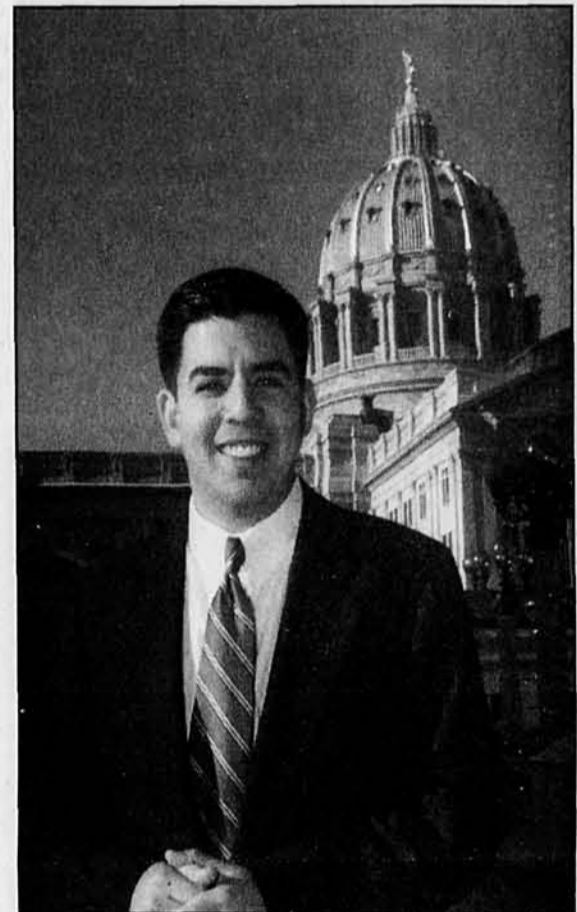


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JEFF COLEMAN—impacting the nation through his work in government.

goal to attend law school and did everything she could to prepare me for what was ahead. Because of her pushing me to try, I'm now fortunate enough to be attending a very good law school, and I'm loving it," Murray said.

As LU students look to their future, they know that they will be among successful alumni that have had their lives chiseled by a first-rate university that strives to prepare its graduates to succeed and not fail.

This year's homecoming events is a great place to meet LU alumni. You can ask them how Liberty helped them succeed in life and know that you too can have the highest expectation in life because LU has prepared you for "the real world."

SHOWING SCHOOL SPIRIT

compiled by Mike Adame, reporter

With homecoming around the corner, it's more important than ever to demonstrate our pride for Liberty. We can never have enough school spirit, and these students have some ideas on how to increase our enthusiasm for LU.

"Wear school colors, spray paint my hair and apply some strategically placed face paint."

—Tara Robinette (sophomore)

"I'd dress up in a bird suit and set myself aflame"

—Beth Matheson (junior)

"Be in the homecoming parade!"

—Debbie Garcia (junior)

"I would paint my body red with a blue 'L' and paint the number 59 on my back, for Lee Bishop."

—Ryan Doherty (senior)

"I'd buy a really beat up cadillac and paint it school colors. Then I'd put a big eagle on top of it and play our alma mater through the speakers."

—Clint Aaron (sophomore)

"I would go and stay for the whole football game"

—Darren Wu (RD)

"Come out and support your school—don't just sit in the dorm and complain that we don't have school spirit."

—Theresa Jackson (sophomore)

"I'd deck myself out in all the LU gear from the bookstore—especially the big red finger."

—Allsa Vining (freshman)

he said, she said

How have you been shown a random act of kindness by your significant other?



Lee Bishop, junior biblical studies major

Once Becky came out just to see me before we left for a football game. It was early that morning, and she woke up just to come and tell me goodbye.



Becky Jacobs, junior psychology major

I'd had a really hard day of class, and I came back to find flowers waiting for me in my room that Lee had gotten a friend to put there for me. It was so special!

Flames to host first Big South showdown

By Kyle Adams, reporter

This Saturday marks the beginning of a new era of Liberty football as the Flames host Gardner-Webb University in the first-ever Big South Conference football game at 3:30 p.m. at Williams Stadium.

The Flames have lost two in a row, including last week's 48-17 loss to Division 1-A University of Central Florida, dropping their record to 1-3. Coach Karcher's squad will try to get back on the winning track against the 3-1 Bulldogs, who had last weekend off. Gardner-Webb is led by senior quarterback Jeremy Martin, a two-time Big South Offensive Player of the Week. Martin has thrown for 764 yards, six touchdowns and just one interception through the first four games of the season.

Defensively, the Bulldogs have one of the top cornerbacks in the Big South in senior Lamar Ingram. Sophomore free safety Mario Williams is another leader on the defense and was named Big South Defensive Player of the Week earlier this season.

For the Flames to be successful, they need to continue to pound out yards on the ground. Sophomore tailbacks Verondre Barnes and Eugene Goodman have provided a solid 1-2 punch for the Flames offense and will need another big game against a Gardner-Webb defense that has given up just two rushing touchdowns so far. If Barnes, Goodman and Lorenzo Dixon can move the ball on the ground, that will make the game much easier on quarterback Gus Condon. The Flames operate much better running play-action

passes after they have established the run. If the running game knocks the defense back on its heels, giving Condon time to set his feet, the offense should be able to put some points on the board.

If the offense is continually facing third-and-long situations, forcing Condon to throw the ball and allowing the defense to rush six or seven men, then the Flames losing streak might stretch to three games.

Defensively, the Flames cannot afford to allow Martin to sit back in the pocket and pick the secondary apart. The defensive line of Matt Mays, Aaron Deberry, and Seth Reichart got a lot of penetration against Appalachian State, and will need more of the same against the Bulldogs. Another key for the defense is tackling, especially on third down.

They need to keep Gardner-Webb's drives short and quick. Against Appalachian State, the defense found ways to get the offense the ball in good field position, and that makes a big dif-



TOUGH DAY— Flames QB Gus Condon passed for 83 yards on Saturday.

ference over the course of 60 minutes. The Flames only play three conference games, so every one is significant. Whoever wins this game has a clear advantage in the short conference season, so this game is significant. The last home game saw some of the most enthusiastic fan support in recent memory, so make plans to repeat that performance at this weekend's homecoming game.

FAREL: MLB playoffs

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Everyone's been talking about the A's for the past three seasons and how their pitching staff is the best in the game.

While that maybe true the A's have yet to make it past the Yankees. This season, as I see it, the A's are worse. While they have won over 100 games once again, their offense is much weaker despite MVP caliber seasons from Eric Chavez and Miguel Tejada.

The Yankees, on the other hand, have been the Yankees. While they lost key players in Scott Brosius and Paul O'Neill they have more than made up for them. The Yankees have two of the top three offensive players in the league in Alfonso Soriano and Jason Giambi, who wasn't even on the team last season. Additionally they've kept Bernie Williams, Mariano Rivera, Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada, all of whom I might add were groomed in the Yankees own farm system. As for the Yankees pitching staff, while injuries have been a problem, everyone is currently healthy and the bullpen is deeper.

Statistically, the Yankees pitchers are fine as well, with the top four each having 13 or more victories. Among them Roger Clemens has the highest ERA— nice problem to have, huh.

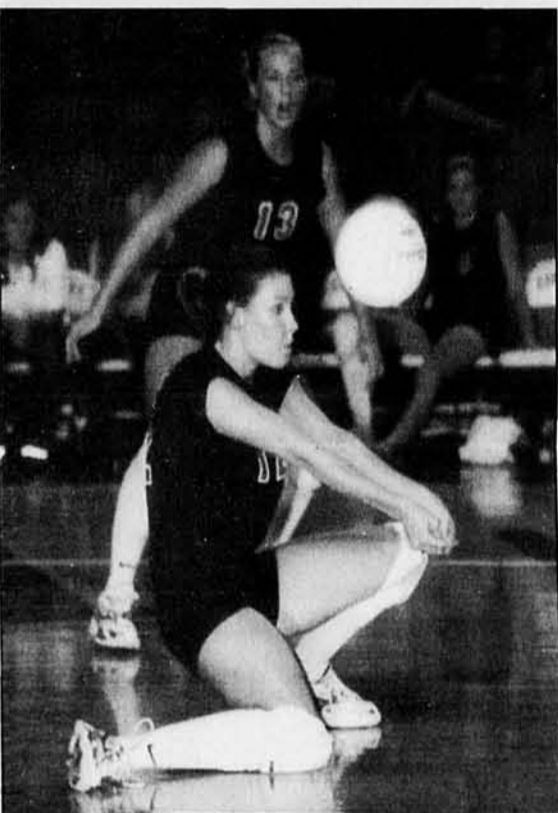
The two other AL teams have been somewhat of a surprise. As for the Twins, their place in the postseason has come more from the mismanagement of the rest of

their division than anything else. That's not to say the Twins aren't good, but statistically they don't compare with the rest of the contenders. Their offense has been good, led by MVP candidate Torii Hunter. While they have one of the best closing pitchers in the American League in Eddy Guardado, their starters have been plagued by injuries and high ERA's.

Lastly, the Anaheim Angels were probably more of a surprise than anyone in ousting early favorite Seattle. While they may be an underdog, they're a gritty bunch who aren't caught up in modern day home run craze. They bunt, choke up on the bat and will do pretty much anything to win. Although the Yankees have hit 50 or so more homers than Anaheim, the Angels led the league in batting average. Additionally, if any team can beat the Yankees it's the Angels. They're the only team since '96 to have a winning record against the Bronx Bombers.

But the beauty of baseball is that you never know. Once the playoffs start statistics become meaningless. Who was the hero of the '78 Yankees? Bucky Dent. And in 1969 the Baltimore Orioles won 109 games and the division by 17 games. However, in the World Series it was the "Miracle Mets" who were made famous.

As the playoffs start, keep in mind, that while stats and records are impressive, they're not always enough to be champion.



JOHN FISHER

BUMP— Erin McKeown helped pace the Lady Flames in last Tuesday's win against conference opponent High Point.

V'ball opens conf. play

By Joel Patrick, reporter

Women's volleyball opened conference play by defeating High Point in three games, but lost matches against UNC-Asheville and Winthrop later in the week.

The Lady Flames swept the High Point Panthers last Tuesday in the Vines Center, 30-14, 30-23, 30-28.

"It's a good predictor when you take the first game against a conference opponent," said outside hitter Tatiana Tkachuck (Jr., Michigan). "It gives you a little more confidence knowing that we can do it and that we're prepared."

The Lady Flames came out hard against High Point, as Jennifer Belk led all players with 18 kills while Erin McKeown was close behind with 16. Theresa Passamani also contributed with 12 digs.

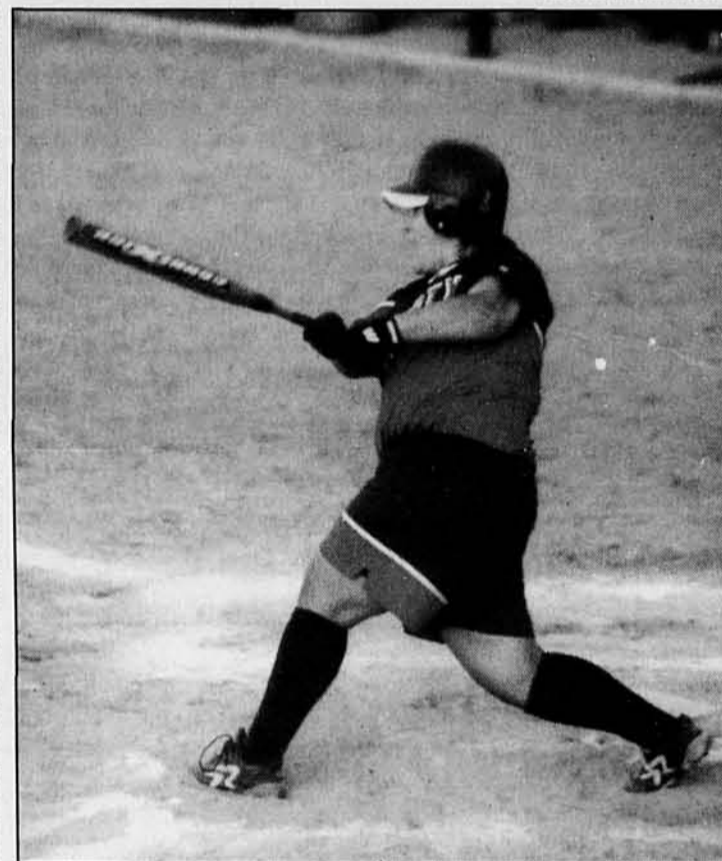
During the first game of the match, sophomore middle blocker Becky Rud-

nick went down with an ankle sprain. The injury forced changes to the lineup, but the Lady Flames managed to overcome it.

Liberty went down south this weekend to face two more conference opponents in UNC-Asheville and Winthrop University, who was picked to finish second in the Big South behind Liberty. The Lady Flames played two tough matches but came up short, losing to UNC-A 3-1 and Winthrop 3-0.

Rudnick did not play on Friday or Saturday. The Lady Flames struggled a little because of the injury. Changes in the lineup threw off the team's equilibrium. Trainers don't know how long Rudnick will be out, but she is hoping to be in the lineup when they go to Greensboro today.

The Lady Flames' next game will be against Charleston Southern Friday, October 4 in the Vines Center.



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GOODBYE!— Amanda Goc smashed two home runs in Saturday's exhibition.



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Life of the backup: All the hard work, none of the glory

A CHAMPION FEATURE ON KYLE PAINTER

By Wes Rickards, managing editor

Head Coach Ken Karcher made his statement short, but to the point. "If we score," he said to his second-string quarterback, "You're going in."

For any backup, those words are among the sweetest things they'll ever hear muttered by a coach. For Kyle Painter, it meant that he was getting his opportunity. Now, it was his time.

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Flashback two years ago, to February of 2000. Karcher, in his first days as the newly-appointed head coach, made the statement that the football team would need three "good, solid recruiting classes" to take the program to the nexus of I-AA competition. A year later, the first of these classes was announced. Procured for the squad on that day were players such as Verondre Barnes and Gus Condon, but also a 6-2, 225-pound quarterback from Southern California, Kyle Painter.

Painter had just finished up an impressive high school career; during his three years as a starter at Brethren Christian in Fountain Valley, Calif., he threw for over 4,700 yards and tossed for 48 touchdowns. At the behest of a Liberty alumnus, a videotape compilation of his performance was sent to LU, one which seemed to excite the coaching staff.

"We liked what we saw," Coach Karcher said, albeit stoically.

But during the recruiting process, he was enthused about Painter to the point where he wrote letters to him every other

week, and called long-distance a couple of times. Unfortunately, while Karcher may have been dreaming of a Liberty-Painter union, the feeling wasn't exactly mutual.

"I had never heard of [Liberty]; it didn't really matter to me," Painter recalled. "To be honest, I was being looked at by a lot of bigger schools, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State, and a couple of California schools, so Liberty was at the back of my mind."

A visit to LU's campus didn't exactly seal the deal, as he "wasn't too impressed." After all, his springtime visit to Lynchburg featured 30 degree weather, not ideal for what the Southern California native (30 miles south of Los Angeles, "right on the beach" he says of his hometown) had in mind. But in the end, the persistence of the coaching staff paid off; Painter signed with Liberty. After red-shirting the 2001 season as one of six quarterbacks on the team, he found himself as the number one backup going into this season.

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And now, he would get his chance. The score was 21-6, with Liberty leading division II opponent West Liberty State in the early moments of the fourth quarter. LU was threatening inside the Hilltoppers' red-zone, and a quick score would easily put the game away. But, the Flames couldn't push the ball past the six-yard line and All-American kicker Jay Kelley booted the field goal attempt wide left, leaving Painter's future uncertain.

"Does that mean I'm not going in?"

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The life of the backup is one of hard work, and perseverance, but without the glory, and without the fame. The backup is required to put the same dedication on the practice fields as their starting counterparts, but they can rarely measure their performance tangibly. After all, the starting running back can say that the practice drills helped aid him break a tackle, or a linebacker can say that the time in the weight room allowed him to bust through the offensive line during last Saturday's game. The backup? Only the hope. The role of the backup, according to Coach Karcher, is probably the hardest job on the team. They're expected to "execute the plan" without having the benefit of extra repetitions.

"What I try to do is, for every game, I try to study like I'm starting. I study as much as I need to feel like I'm prepared to play," Painter said. "Coach is always saying 'I'm always one snap away.' To him, what that means is if he [Gus Condon, the starting quarterback] goes down on the first snap of the game, I'd have to be able to play and keep the game plan in a heartbeat."

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After the botched field goal, the Flames defense forced and then recovered a fumble. It was now Liberty's possession; it was now Kyle Painter's ball. At long last, he would get his shot, his chance to prove himself during his first moments of playing time in almost two years. It was... his fault he fumbled the snap. Although he managed to recover the football, Karcher pulled him immediately and re-inserted starter Gus Condon back in the QB slot. Painter, a red-shirt freshman, had made a rookie mistake- he failed to take some warm-up repetitions with the snapper before the drive began- then botched the play and was consigned back to the sidelines.

"When I fumbled it, the feeling wasn't overwhelming, like 'oh, my gosh, I blew it.' It was more like an ironic chuckle to myself. I had wanted to go in, and I fumbled the snap," Painter joked. "And it was even more ironic because coach told me deliberately before that, 'Don't fumble the snap.'"

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In sports, the relationship between the starter and the backup is different from what one would normally expect. After all, these two individuals, from the first day of practice until the last game

of the season, are relentlessly in competition with each other. The one who can run faster, throw farther, and think smarter wins the job; the consolation prize for the other is a sideline view of the game. Yet, strangely enough, there is no animosity between the two.

"I try to be his [Condon's] closest friend on game day. I understand my role, he has his role, and we work together," says Painter. "I'm Gus's second pair of eyes. On the field, on game day, I stay on the sidelines and I'm always reading defenses. I'm looking for hand signals, for any kind of hint that can help Gus out." Perhaps to the point where Adam Smith's theories of competition, which state that what's good for the individual is good for the society, are destroyed, the starter and the backup work together so they can further one entity. Not themselves, but the team. And, at the 7:33 mark in the fourth quarter, Kyle Painter got to show what he can offer his team.

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West Liberty State's pitiful offense gave Painter a chance at redemption; an LU interception gave them the ball, and Karcher once again gave Painter the chance to call the shots. This time, there was no rookie mistake.

The play clock was ticking down. 7, 6, 5... Having fumbled the ball in his first chance, he had cleared his mind of fear and emotions, yet his mind was predominantly filled with one thing- "Don't miss this snap," he told himself. He called for the snap, and executed the play without a hitch. A play action pass, he faked the handoff. Seeing a streaking Daniel Jackson cut across the middle, Painter hit him in stride. One play, one pass, one 24-yard touchdown.

While that cute little story may be good enough for some, Painter the backup wasn't quite ready to relinquish his moment in the sun. On West Liberty's next drive, the Flames defense forced its third straight turnover. And for the third straight time, it would be Painter who started the series leading the team in the huddle. But would he follow up his last touchdown pass with an encore performance, or would he make another rookie mistake like in his first time out?

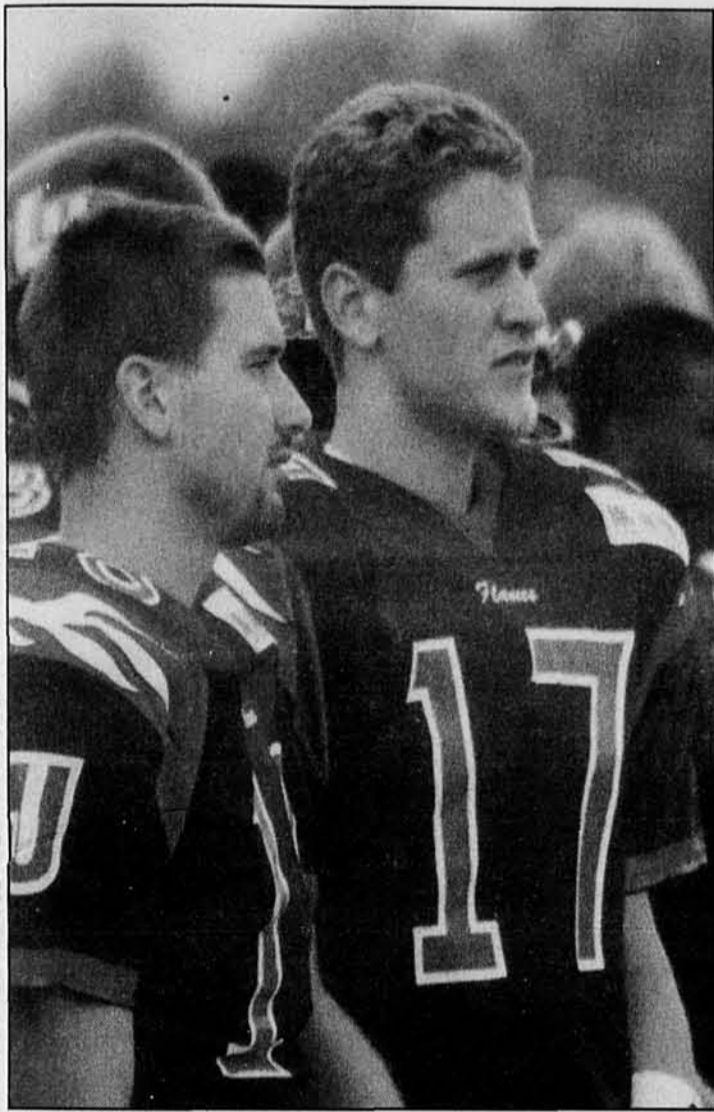
At first, it looked like neither; tailback Sam Gado rushed the ball on four straight plays. But, two holding penalties had Liberty facing a second and 20 situation. With that, Painter set the back in motion, giving him five receivers. Then, he connected with Daniel Jackson on a screen play for an 8-yard gain. But, it was still third and 12. That's when Painter showed that his first demonstration of brilliance was no flash-in-the-pan.

Once again, the play clock was ticking down, this time to two seconds, leaving no time for adjustments. A pre-snap read showed Painter that he a receiver going to run a double-slant rout, and a defensive linebacker playing in tight. Christopher Green, the receiver, caught Painter's pass, broke a tackle and headed for the end zone, 44 yards away. Touchdown. Painter ended the day with three completions on three attempts for 76 yards, two touchdowns and a quarterback rating over 500. Not bad for second-string.

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Despite his performance, Painter still watches from the sidelines, biding his time. He realizes that the team he helped torch was a D-II school, that he played in the fourth quarter, that West Liberty wasn't as good as some of the high school teams he faced. Yet he is still an integral part of the football program and its future success. Two years from now, after Karcher signs his third (and fourth) recruiting class, it may very well be Painter who is called upon to take the team to the place that it was originally intended to go- to the national championship. Until then though, he waits.

"I try to do my role, and do my thing," Painter said. "My time will come. I know that my term will come."



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THE BACKUP— Kyle Painter (17), alongside third-string quarterback J.R. Barley, threw the Flames only TD pass against UCF on Saturday.

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• 10/5 vs Gardner-Webb, 3:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

• Today at UNC-Greensboro, 7 p.m.
• 10/4 vs Charleston Southern, 7 p.m.

M'SOCCER

• Today vs. George Mason, 7 p.m.
• 10/4 vs. UNC Asheville, 7 p.m.

W'SOCCER

• 10/3 vs. East Carolina, 4 p.m.
• 10/5 vs. Birm. Southern, 7 p.m.



John Farel

PLAYOFFS!

Reggie Jackson, Kirk Gibson, Bill Mazerowski and Carlton Fisk—all famous baseball players, but their most heralded moments came in October during baseball's postseason.

Today is October 1 and fittingly it's the opening day of the Major League Baseball playoffs. Eight teams will battle it out over the next month to decide this year's World Series Champion.

Starting in the National League with the defending champion Arizona Diamondbacks. Despite having the top two pitchers in baseball this season in Randy Johnson (24-5) and Curt Schilling (23-7), the D-backs enter this postseason in serious trouble. Schilling has lost his last two starts and the team's primary if not only offensive threat in Luis Gonzalez will miss the entire postseason with an injury. However, no matter how banged up the D-backs are, you simply can't count them out as long as they have Schilling and Johnson.

The D-backs first round opponent will be the St. Louis Cardinals, a team that has overcome all sorts of adversity during the season—the deaths of Darryl Kile and Jack Buck—and for many will be the sentimental favorite in this postseason. The Cardinals will have more than sentiment on their side. Tony La Russa may be the best manager in the National League and he's juggled a banged up pitching staff brilliantly throughout the season. The Cards staff consists of just two pitchers with double digit wins in Matt Morris, a definite ace, and Jason Simontacchi. But the Cardinals bullpen has been strong and their offense is much more potent than Arizona's with sluggers Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen finishing with 34, 28 and 31 homeruns, respectively.

The other NL match-up will feature the Braves and the Giants. Atlanta doesn't look a whole lot different than it has the past 10 years, with one exception. John Smoltz is now in the bullpen. Smoltz has made the transition from one of the games best starting pitchers the past 10 years, to one of the top closers in the game—something Atlanta has lacked in recent years—setting a NL record this season with 55 saves. Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine have been nothing short of all stars once again and the Braves, who also boast a formidable offense, are in perhaps their best position in years.

While the Braves have always relied on pitching, the Giants have relied on the one-two punch of Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent, both of whom have finished in the top 10 in all three major offensive categories: homers, RBI's, and batting average. However, the Giants pitching staff has been less than impressive. It's a well balanced staff, but they lack a true ace and their best big game pitcher may be Livan Hernandez, and he has 16 losses.

For once the American League looks at least a little different, but in the end it will be a two-team battle, and the result will be the same as it has been the last four years.

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Golden Knights slay Flames in rout

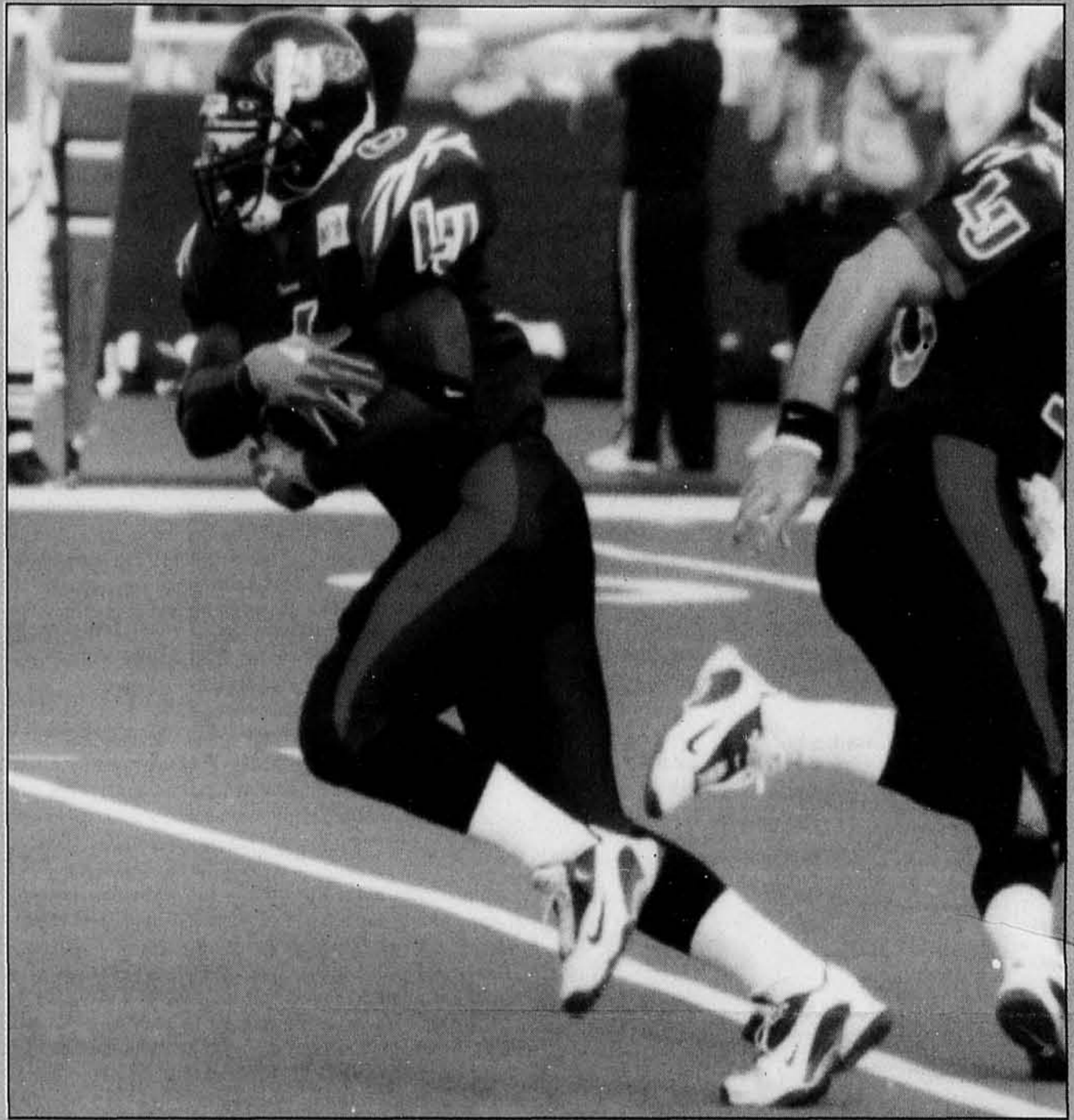
By Robbie Adams, asst. sports director

The Flames were unable to stop a relentless attack from the UCF Golden Knights and were defeated 48-17 on Saturday. The Golden Knights capitalized on the Flames tired defense and made sure not to start their season 0-4. The Knights passes for 415 yards against the Flames, as quarterback Ryan Schneider had a career day. Schnieder was 23-of-31 and passed for 397 yards and four touchdowns. Wide receiver Doug Gabriel had six catches for 140 yards and two key touchdowns.

The Flames had chances to keep the game close early on down 7-0, when Eugene Goodman broke a 41-yard run into the red-zone. The Flames then had first and goal at the three-yard line but were kept out of the end-zone and had to settle for a field goal from Jay Kelley. Those points by Kelley were the last Liberty scored until late in the fourth quarter.

The Flames trailed 48-3 before posting a touchdown by Lee Bishop, who recovered a fumble and took it 49 yards for the score. Jay Kelley punted on the next possession, but UCF fumbled and the Flames recovered deep in their territory. Kyle Painter then helped the Flames score their only offensive touchdown of the game on a six-yard pass to Paul Melniczak.

The Flames did force five fumbles but were unable to take advantage in the end. The Flames did rush for a total of 186 yards with Eugene Goodman running for a team best of 80 yards.



HOME FREE—Flames tailback Eugen Goodman is off to the races. Goodman ran for 80 yards Saturday against the UCF Golden Knights.

Men's soccer splits; still undefeated in Big South

By Chris Humphreys, reporter

Despite being out shot 15 to 5 by UNC-Greensboro (5-3) in the first half of Saturday night's road match, the Flames (6-2-1) went to the break even at two goals apiece with the Spartans. However, Greensboro's Chris Goos scored the only goal by either team in the second half as the Liberty lost 3-2.

Goos scored all three of the Spartans' goals, including a penalty kick that came in the 34th minute and leveled the match at two each. Goos' winner came in the 53rd minute. James Carlson and Doug Prewett were credited with assists on the goal.

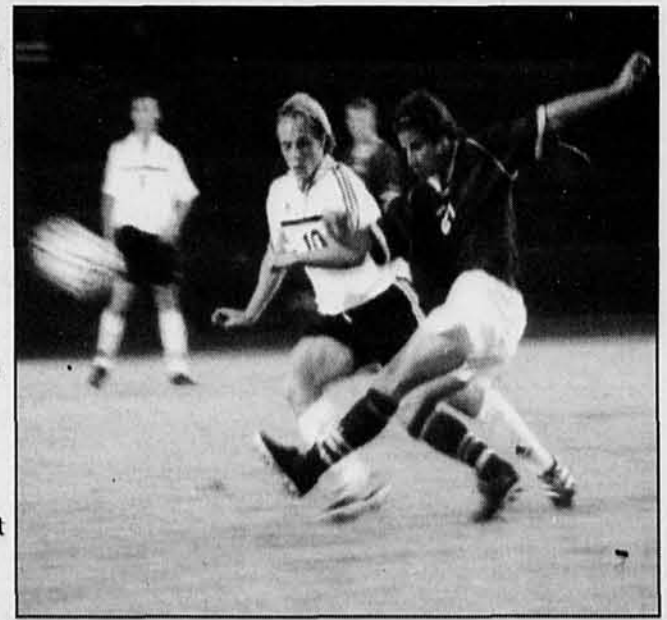
Liberty knotted the match at one when Pavel Cancura scored off of a Darryl Roberts assist in the 16th minute. Six minutes later Liberty took a 2-1 lead when Chase Perry scored off of an assist by Cancura.

Flames' goalkeeper, Patrick Heery, made 10 saves as the Flames were out shot by Greensboro 25 to 12 in match. Nine of Liberty's shots were on goal and 13 of

Greensboro's shots were on goal.

On Wednesday, the Flames defeated conference foe Elon 2-0 in Elon, N.C.. Brentley Kellum scored both goals in the match. The first of Kellum's goals came in 22nd minute off of Perry's assist. The second goal was unassisted and occurred in 72nd minute of the match. Henry recorded seven saves on the way to the team's fourth shutout of the season. With the win the Flames improved to 1-0-1 in the Big South and Elon fell to 0-1-1 in the Big South and 3-5-1 overall. The Flames were outshot by Elon 27-13 but eight of Liberty's shots were on goal compared to Elon's seven shots on goal.

The Flames are hosting George Mason tonight at 7 p.m.. The Patriots enter the match with 4-1-2 record. The Flames will then host UNC-Asheville in a Big South Conference match on Friday, Oct. 4 also at 7 p.m.. The Bulldogs come to Lynchburg with a 1-4-1 record and a 0-1 (4-3 loss to Birmingham Southern) record in conference play.



FOCUSED—Paul Cancura works hard to help the Flames to victory.

Women's soccer edges Coastal Carolina

By Andrew Martin, reporter

The Lady Flames soccer team picked up their second straight conference win Saturday night against Coastal Carolina. The Flames won 1-0 in a hard fought game.

"The team was happy with the result. Everyone showed up to win, not just to play," sophomore defender Megan Fatkin said.

Freshman forward Kati Ulland scored her first collegiate goal in the 42nd minute. Once again she provided the spark off the bench, scoring after a scramble in front of the keeper.

Sophomore midfielder Liz Rudolph took a corner kick that dropped the ball right at the top of the box. Ulland had no pressure and was able to get herself set and take a shot that dipped below the crossbar barely out of the reach of Chanticleer keeper

Candice Doten.

"It's an overwhelming feeling to score my first career goal. It is such a challenge playing at this level, the goal was totally God," Ulland said.

Before the game, the Flames were at the beach and a jellyfish stung Ulland. She was taken to the hospital and brought back prior to the start of the game.

This game followed the pattern of the other three wins by the Lady Flames (3-5-1, 2-0-1). All were shutouts, with Liberty able to get the first goal and hold on to the lead. The defense was quite solid as it didn't allow many Chanticleer players past.

The Chanticleers (4-3-1, 1-1) came out in the second half fired up. The first half was dominated by the Flames, but in the second Coastal Carolina was very physical and gave itself chances to get back into the game, producing

three shots on goal in the period.

Flames keeper Christie Goodman-Williams made a great save in the second period that kept her team in front. She dove and got a hand on the ball right at the post. On the game, Goodman-Williams recorded four saves for the shutout.

Liberty showed a lot of character by beating the Chanticleers in South Carolina. It was a total team effort that provided the win. The bench stepped up and provided the energy and the goal.

Last year the Flames won by the same score, 1-0 on a goal by Katie Woodrow.

The Flames are in action this week on Thursday and Saturday against East Carolina and Birmingham Southern. Both games are at home and scheduled for 4 and 7 p.m. respectively.



THE DIFFERENCE- Kati Ulland scored the only goal against CCU.